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Fallen Goliath Wildfire

The Fallen Goliath wildfire was discovered on April 23, 2014. It is located along the southern edge of the Hart Tree Loop Trail in Redwood Canyon within Kings Canyon National Park. The human-caused ignition is confined to the immediate area in and surrounding the Fallen Goliath giant sequoia log. This dead log has been on the ground since recorded history and is one of the parks' named giant sequoias. The fire remains under investigation.

Firefighters completed construction of fire line around the log to limit the spread of the fire to the surrounding area. The interior of the large giant sequoia log is still actively burning and will be difficult to extinguish. The arrival of significant rain and snow has hampered efforts to keep firefighters working on the fire. Depending on accessibility, the parks plan to send firefighters back in on Sunday, April 27, to continue to extinguish the fire.

While the Hart Tree Loop Trail continues to be open to visitor use, hikers should be aware of significant hazards associated with active fire areas. Visitors using the trail are asked to move quickly through the area to minimize exposure.

The National Park Service is requesting that anyone who was hiking either the Hart Tree Loop or Redwood Saddle trails anytime during April 2014 contact the park tip line at 888-NPS-CRIM (888-677-2746).

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